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In re Application of:

Ruth A. Gjerset

Serial No.: 09/556,440

Filed: April 24, 2000

For: DOWN-REGULATION OF DNA REPAIR

TO ENHANCE SENSITIVITY TO P53-MEDIATED SUPPRESSION

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: B. Brumback

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Atty. Dkt. No.: INRP:032--2/SLH

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 24, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of two months to and including March 24, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated October 24, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$200.00) for a two-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

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Respectfully submitted,

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